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**SINGAPORE YOUTH FESTIVAL (SYF) 2012
INFORMATION SHEET**

**SINGAPORE YOUTH FESTIVAL (SYF) 2012 OPENING CEREMONY
SINGAPORE INDOOR STADIUM
FRIDAY, 30 JUNE 2012
5.00 p.m.**

Guest of Honour: Minister for Education, Mr Heng Swee Keat

Highlights

For the first time in the SYF, a group of parent volunteers will perform alongside their children at the Opening Ceremony.

Together with some 240 primary school students, their participation in the mass dance depicts the important role that parents play in the child's development – be it at home, school or even on stage. Their involvement also signifies the contribution parents play in collaboration with schools and beyond the curriculum, and their belief in the importance of holistic education, which undergirds the success of a child.

Madam Patricia Quek, a parent volunteer, is grateful that schools have created opportunities for parents like her to participate in the SYF, which provides an opportunity to bond with her child.

“This excellent initiative has provided the opportunity for me to perform with my daughter, Zoey. We have grown closer as we practice and support one another in our performance. I have also gotten to know many of her friends and their parents better. SYF will be our shared memory,” she said.

Another highlight is the multimedia interactive segment where animated cartoon characters on a video wall measuring 26 metres by 5 metres will entertain and demonstrate simple choreographed movements that will get the audience on their feet. The audience will also use brightly-coloured folders as props to help transform the Singapore Indoor Stadium into a sea of colours as part of the vibrant performance.

Ceremony Segments

The SYF 2012 Opening Ceremony comprises three segments: Pre-Show, Parade and Show.

The Pre-Show, a composite of dance performances and a display band, will keep the audience engaged before the show escalates to a start with the arrival of Minister Heng Swee Keat.

The Parade segment is organised by the National Police Cadet Corps (NPCC), with 600 cadets from over 130 schools participating from all nine Uniformed Groups. The Guard of Honour Contingent this year is formed by the NPCC and the National

Cadet Corps. Accompanying the Parade is the Yuying Secondary School Band.

Preceding the Show segment is a Display Band segment featuring the Tanjong Katong Secondary School band, which was recently awarded the Gold (with Honours) Award in the SYF 2012 Central Judging and Competition of Display Bands in April. They will enthral the audience with intricate and delicate skilful footwork accompanied by the familiar works of Mozart, Rachmaninov and Beethoven.

More About the Show

The Show segment presents the journey of a child from his growing up years, through his teens and into the future in three Acts, each of which is connected through dazzling displays of dances, props, lights and use of multimedia. One feature this year is the video wall measuring 26 metres by 5 metres, which will screen videos and images conceptualised and directed by Mr Brian Gothong Tan. These visual displays will complement the choreography seen within the arena.

Act 1 of the show takes flight with a celebration of the child's life from birth, embarking on a journey towards exploring and understanding the world. In Act 2, see aspirations take shape as our youths live their teenage years. The dance presented in this Act is dynamic and synonymous with the dedication and passion of our youths in the various Co-Curricular Activities and Community Involvement Programmes. The spectacular Act 3 shows the changing landscape of education as uniforms, desks and classrooms transform right before the audience's eyes.

The Show culminates in the Finale with the presentation of the SYF 2012 Theme Song, *Live Our Story*. The song is performed by Jermaine Leong from CHIJ St. Joseph's Convent School, with music by Mr Goh Kheng Long and lyrics by Ms Wendy Tan.

About 1,600 pupils from 140 primary and secondary schools will take part in the SYF Opening Ceremony this year.

List of Participating Schools (Pre-Parade & Show Segments):

1. Ai Tong School
2. Bowen Secondary School
3. CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls' School
4. Chongfu School
5. Coral Secondary School
6. Crescent Girls' School
7. Greenview Secondary School
8. Jurong West Primary School
9. Regent Secondary School
10. Riverside Secondary School
11. Tanjong Katong Secondary School
12. Xinmin Secondary School
13. Yew Tee Primary School
14. Yuhua Primary School

List of Participating Schools (Parade segment):

1. Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)
2. Anglican High School
3. Admiralty Secondary School

4. Ahmad Ibrahim Secondary School
5. Ang Mo Kio Secondary School
6. Anglo-Chinese School (Barker Road)
7. Assumption English School
8. Balestier Hill Secondary School
9. Bartley Secondary School
10. Beatty Secondary School
11. Bedok North Secondary School
12. Bedok South Secondary School
13. Bedok Town Secondary School
14. Bedok View Secondary School
15. Bendemeer Secondary School
16. Bishan Park Secondary School
17. Boon Lay Secondary School
18. Broadrick Secondary School
19. Bukit Batok Secondary School
20. Bukit Merah Secondary School
21. Bukit Panjang Government High School
22. Bukit View Secondary School
23. Canberra Secondary School
24. Catholic High School
25. Cedar Girls' Secondary School
26. Changkat Changi Secondary School
27. Chestnut Drive Secondary School
28. CHIJ Katong Convent
29. CHIJ St. Joseph's Convent
30. Christ Church Secondary School
31. Chua Chu Kang Secondary School
32. Chung Cheng High School (Yishun)
33. Clementi Town Secondary School
34. Clementi Woods Secondary School
35. Commonwealth Secondary School
36. Compassvale Secondary School
37. Coral Secondary School
38. Crescent Girls' School
39. Damai Secondary School
40. Deyi Secondary School
41. Dunearn Secondary School
42. Dunman High School
43. Dunman Secondary School
44. East Spring Secondary School
45. East View Secondary School
46. Evergreen Secondary School
47. Fairfield Methodist School (Secondary)
48. Fajar Secondary School
49. First Toa Payoh Secondary School
50. Fuchun Secondary School
51. Fuhua Secondary School
52. Gan Eng Seng School
53. Geylang Methodist School (Secondary)
54. Greendale Secondary School
55. Greenridge Secondary School
56. Greenview Secondary School

57. Guanyang Secondary School
58. Henderson Secondary School
59. Hillgrove Secondary School
60. Hong Kah Secondary School
61. Hwa Chong Institution
62. Junyuan Secondary School
63. Jurong Secondary School
64. Jurong West Secondary School
65. Jurongville Secondary School
66. Kent Ridge Secondary School
67. Kranji Secondary School
68. Loyang Secondary School
69. MacPherson Secondary School
70. Manjusri Secondary School
71. Maris Stella High School
72. Marsiling Secondary School
73. Monfort Secondary School
74. Nan Chiau High School
75. Nan Hua High School
76. Nanyang Girls' High School
77. Naval Base Secondary School
78. New Town Secondary School
79. Ngee Ann Secondary School
80. North View Secondary School
81. North Vista Secondary School
82. Northbrooks Secondary School
83. Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School
84. Pasir Ris Secondary School
85. Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' School (Secondary)
86. Pei Hwa Secondary School
87. Peirce Secondary School
88. Pioneer Secondary School
89. Presbyterian High School
90. Queenstown Secondary School
91. Queensway Secondary School
92. Raffles Girls' School (Secondary)
93. Raffles Institution
94. Regent Secondary School
95. River Valley High School
96. Riverside Secondary School
97. Sembawang Secondary School
98. Seng Kang Secondary School
99. Serangoon Garden Secondary School
100. Serangoon Secondary School
101. Shuqun Secondary School
102. Si Ling Secondary School
103. Siglap Secondary School
104. Singapore Chinese Girls' School
105. Springfield Secondary School
106. St. Andrew's Secondary School
107. St. Gabriel's Secondary School
108. St. Hilda's Secondary School
109. St. Joseph's Institution

110. St. Margaret's Secondary School
111. St. Patrick's School
112. Swiss Cottage Secondary School
113. Tampines Secondary School
114. Tanjong Katong Girls' School
115. Tanjong Katong Secondary School
116. Teck Whye Secondary School
117. Temasek Secondary School
118. Unity Secondary School
119. Victoria School
120. West Spring Secondary School
121. Woodlands Ring Secondary School
122. Woodlands Secondary School
123. Xinmin Secondary School
124. Yio Chu Kang Secondary School
125. Yishun Secondary School
126. Yishun Town Secondary School
127. Yuan Ching Secondary School
128. Yuhua Secondary School
129. Yusof Ishak Secondary School
130. Yuying Secondary School
131. Zhenghua Secondary School
132. Zhonghua Secondary School

ABOUT THE SYF 2012 THEME SONG:

Mr Goh Kheng Long composed the music to the Theme Song this year as well as all the music performed during the show.

Song Title - ***Live Our Story***

Music by Goh Kheng Long

Lyrics by Wendy Tan

Solo by Jermaine Leong, CHIJ St. Joseph's Convent School

Let us join in song

As we come together

Different voices sound

Though unique, blending as one

As we blaze a trail

Pathways lie before us

Future's in our sights

We take flight

Chorus:

Come see us

Live our story

Daring to dream our dreams

Moving as one

Powered by new desires

Imaginations stir, so alive

And as we

Live our story

*Promises to fulfill
Realizing
Everything we could be
Tomorrow's in the hands, of us all
Live our story*

*Bridge:
This our journey
Roads yet to travel
Heights to conquer
To new worlds we aspire*

**SINGAPORE YOUTH FESTIVAL (SYF) BAND PRESENTATION
SINGAPORE CONFERENCE HALL
FRIDAY, 6 JULY 2012
7.30 p.m.**

Be treated to a memorable night of music as our young talents from six primary schools mesmerise you at this symphonic and brass band presentation. In addition to the bands' interpretation of the SYF 2012 set pieces, *The Wooden Soldier* and *The Soldier's Wife*, come and be enchanted by the highlight of the night as our pupils present to you in a combined schools' performance entitled, *You Raise Me Up*, as a tribute to their parents and teachers,.

List of Participating Schools:

1. Ai Tong School
2. Bendemeer Primary School
3. Fuchun Primary School
4. Maha Bodhi School
5. Xingnan Primary School
6. Yishun Primary School

**LANXESS SINGAPORE NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA (SNYO) CLASSIC
"GREEN MOBILITY" CONCERT AT THE GARDENS
BOTANIC GARDENS
SHAW FOUNDATION SYMPHONY STAGE
SUNDAY, 8 JULY 2012
5.00 p.m.**

Come and enjoy an evening of classical music in the Gardens! Under the umbrella of the Singapore Youth Festival 2012, the LANXESS SNYO CLASSIC presents "Green Mobility" Concert at the Gardens. Brought to you by LANXESS, the Singapore National Youth Orchestra (SNYO) will perform under the baton of guest conductor, Jason Lai.

Concert Programme:

- Glinka - Ruslan & Ludmilla
- Elgar - Nimrod from Enigma Variations
- Grieg - selections from Peer Gynt suite 1 (*Morning, Anitra's Dance, Hall of Mountain King*)
- Debussy - Clair de Lune (arr. Luck)
- Beethoven - Symphony No.6 (Pastoral) (*1st movement*)
- Music from the Movie, 'Up'

SINGAPORE YOUTH FESTIVAL ART AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION 2012
EXHIBITION PERIOD: 10 - 20 JULY, 10 AM TO 6 PM, LASALLE COLLEGE OF
THE ARTS, ICAS GALLERIES 1 & 2, 1 MCNALLY STREET

Come for a visual treat! From painting, sculpture and installation, photography, video and animation, to traditional art forms of *batik* and Chinese painting, be inspired by the artworks of our students, ranging from secondary and mixed level schools, junior colleges and centralised institutes as they express their desire to explore, and delve into their aspirations for themselves and the wider society.

SINGAPORE YOUTH FESTIVAL (SYF) CHINESE ORCHESTRA & GUZHENG
PRESENTATION

SINGAPORE CONFERENCE HALL

FRIDAY, 13 JULY 2012

7.30 p.m.

Fancy watching a specially commissioned calligraphy work come to its completion while listening to 'live' music accompaniment? At this year's edition of the Chinese Orchestra and Guzheng presentation, you will be fascinated by the fusion of music, art and drama that features both classical and modern works.

The finale of the concert will see a performance of this year's SYF Chinese Orchestra set piece composed by renowned Chinese composer, Zhou Yu Guo. The set piece will be performed by a combined Chinese orchestra made up of students from the following schools:

List of Participating Schools:

1. Anderson Primary School
2. Catholic High School (Primary)
3. Evergreen Primary School
4. Kheng Cheng School
5. Tao Nan School

SINGAPORE YOUTH FESTIVAL (SYF) @ Ngee Ann City
NGEE ANN CITY CIVIC PLAZA

SATURDAY, 14 JULY 2012 & SUNDAY, 15 JULY 2012

4.00 p.m.

Experience a diverse array of music and dance items, and be treated to an amazing display of sounds and colours, including unique items such as the Tibetan Drum Dance and Circus Arts performance. The SYF outreach event showcases dynamic and colourful performances from talented students in our primary schools, secondary schools and special education schools. It will also feature performances by the Newman College Concert Band from Perth, Western Australia and the pulsating rhythms of the Daiko Drummers from Singapore Polytechnic.

14 July Participating schools:

Pre-show : 3.30 – 3.45 pm; Show: 4.00 pm

List of Participating Schools:

1. Greenridge Primary School
2. Guangyang Primary School
3. Jurong Primary School

4. Katong School
5. Mee Toh School
6. Newman College (Australia)
7. Singapore Polytechnic
8. Woodlands Ring Primary School
9. Yangzheng Primary School
10. Zhenghua Primary School
11. Zhonghua Primary School

**15 July Participating schools:
Show: 4.00 pm**

List of Participating Schools:

1. Canossian School
2. Chongzheng Primary School
3. East Spring Secondary School
4. Fuhua Primary School
5. Hong Kah Primary School
6. Ngee Ann Primary School
7. Qihua Primary School
8. Queenstown Primary School
9. Telok Kurau Primary School
10. Teck Whye Primary School

**SINGAPORE YOUTH FESTIVAL (SYF) @ BOTANIC GARDENS
SHAW FOUNDATION SYMPHONY STAGE
SUNDAY, 15 JULY 2012
5.00 p.m.**

Let the youths bring your evening to its splendour in the midst of the naturally green surrounding as the SYF @ Botanic Gardens showcases energetic performances of band and dance. The audience will be treated to a delightful evening by the students from the primary and secondary schools as they bring music and dance to the community while demonstrating their passion and interest in the arts.

List of Participating schools:

1. Mayflower Primary School
2. Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
3. North View Primary School
4. Poi Ching School
5. Tanjong Katong Girls' School
6. Yuhua Secondary School

**SINGAPORE NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA (SNYO) CONCERT
"DUO DESTINATIONS"
ESPLANADE CONCERT HALL
MONDAY, 16 JULY 2012
7.30 p.m.**

Conducted by Music Director Darrell Ang, the Singapore National Youth Orchestra (SNYO) presents "Duo Destinations" with works by Singaporean and Russian composers.

The programme begins from Singapore with a commissioned work by Dr Zechariah Goh titled *Nuances: Soundscapes from a Distant Land*. This is followed by *Symphonic Suite on a Set of Local Tunes* by Dr Kelly Tang.

The orchestra then takes the audience to faraway Russia, with Tchaikovsky's well-known *1812 Overture*, and the concert closes with Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*.

The SNYO will bring the same programme to Berlin, where it will perform at the Young Euro Classic Festival 2012. This Festival is the world's foremost concert event for young classical musicians and is one of the best platforms for youth orchestras to perform. Held annually in Berlin, the Festival receives global attention. The SNYO's concert in Berlin will be held at the Konzerthaus on the Gendarmenmarkt on Monday, 6 August 2012.

**SINGAPORE YOUTH FESTIVAL (SYF) INTERNATIONAL NIGHT
UNIVERSITY CULTURAL CENTRE
THURSDAY, 19 JULY 2012
7.30 p.m.**

Be prepared for a night of magic as we bring to you a spectrum of colourful performances of music and dance from talents around the region. Together with our Singapore youths, this concert sees the transformation of the stage into delightful showcases from Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan and more.

List of Participating Schools / Groups:

Chum Num Nattasin - Soon Chariya Sueksa So To - Kamphaeng Phet ["A School of Morals and Culture" [English Translation] under Arts And Culture Centre, Kamphaeng Phet Rajabhat University] (Thailand)	Thai traditional dances with live Thai traditional music performance
Dance Studies Programme, National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries, The University Of Auckland, (New Zealand)	Ethnic and contemporary dance fusion performance
Fling Physical Theatre (Australia)	Contemporary Dance with new media
Junyuan Primary School (Singapore)	Choral performance
Kesuma Ensemble, Dance Department, Cultural Centre, University of Malaya (Malaysia)	Cultural dance performance
SMA Negeri 5 Bandung (Indonesia)	Angklung ensemble performance
Starwave Dance Academy (Hong Kong)	Korean dance performance
Taipei National University of the Arts, School of Dance (Taiwan)	Contemporary dance performance

Violinissimo Youth Chamber Orchestra (Germany)	String orchestra performance
河合第三小学校 Kawai Dai-San Elementary School (Japan)	Brass band performance
澳门演艺学院舞蹈学校 Conservatório de Macau (Macau Conservatory) Youth Dance Company (Macau)	Contemporary Chinese dance performance

**SINGAPORE YOUTH FESTIVAL (SYF) CHORAL PRESENTATION
SINGAPORE CONFERENCE HALL
FRIDAY, 20 JULY 2012
7.30 p.m.**

Beautiful young voices will enchant you with a wide repertoire of choral music across a range of languages and styles as we feature primary school choirs at this year's SYF Choral Presentation. One of the highlights will be the performance by the combined choir featuring the choristers from six schools. They will be presenting the SYF commissioned choral set piece, *Music Comes*, by Sandra Milliken, as well as the SYF theme song for this year, *Live Our Story*, featuring soloist, Jermaine Leong, from CHIJ St. Joseph's Convent.

List of Participating Schools:

1. Canberra Primary School
2. Changkat Primary School
3. Concord Primary School
4. Nanyang Primary School
5. Nan Hua Primary School
6. Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
7. Kiarong Primary School (Brunei Darussalam)

**SINGAPORE YOUTH FESTIVAL (SYF) @ TOA PAYOH HDB HUB
TOA PAYOH HDB HUB
SATURDAY, 21 JULY 2012
4.00 p.m.**

Feast on a gourmet of performances that are energetic, colourful, exhilarating and nail-biting as various primary and secondary school students serve your palate with cultural and international dances, songs and martial arts.

Highlights of the showcase include an international dance item by CHIJ Dance Ensemble from CHIJ Secondary, a contemporary jazz dance item by Stamford Primary school, *Dikir Barat* by North View Secondary and a *Wu Shu* performance by students from Chung Cheng High School (Main).

Prior to the showcase, engage your senses of sight, touch and feel at the fringe activities by taking part in the various booth activities like Henna Art, traditional games, kite-making, clay art and finger puppet making.

So come fill your Saturday with these fun-filled activities and performances!

List of Participating Schools:

1. Balestier Hill Primary School
2. CHIJ Secondary (Toa Payoh)
3. Chung Cheng High School (Main)
4. Clementi Town Secondary School
5. First Toa Payoh Primary School
6. First Toa Payoh Secondary School
7. Guangyang Primary School
8. Guangyang Secondary School
9. Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Primary School
10. Lakeside Primary School
11. North View Secondary School
12. Northland Primary School
13. Stamford Primary School
14. Tanglin Secondary School
15. Whitley Secondary School

SINGAPORE YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA (SYCO) CONCERT

SINGAPORE CONFERENCE HALL

SATURDAY, 21 JULY 2012

8.00 p.m.

Into its fourth year as a National Project of Excellence, the Singapore Youth Chinese Orchestra grows from strength to strength with this concert, themed “Melodies from all Regions”. The highlight of the programme features the world premiere of a specially commissioned work, the Dance of Youth, by Chinese composer Chang Ping, a most aptly titled piece for the Singapore Youth Festival depicting the aspirations and dynamism of youth. As part of its ongoing mission to nurture and cultivate top Chinese orchestra musicians, the programme will also feature 2 concertos performed by SYCO musicians, one for *dizi* and the other for percussion. Tan Dun’s well-known and colourful suite for Chinese orchestra, Yellow Earth, will bring the programme to a satisfying close.

The Singapore Youth Chinese Orchestra is a collaboration between the Ministry of Education and the Singapore Chinese Orchestra.

SINGAPORE YOUTH FESTIVAL (SYF)

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE SHOW & TELL

THE REPUBLIC CULTURAL CENTRE

TUESDAY, 24 JULY 2012

2.30 p.m.

Appreciating and understanding music and their instruments not only through sounds, but also through sight, touch and feel. That is what some primary school pupils will experience as they come up close and personal with Asian and Western instruments at the Show-and-Tell programme.

Now into its second instalment at the SYF, this event excites and engages pupils with an introduction of instrumental ensembles ranging from an Indian Orchestra, a Guzheng Ensemble, a combined Angklung, Kulintang and Gamelan Ensemble to Harmonica, and Harp Ensembles.

The programme culminates in a showcase concert by various instrumental ensembles including a Handbell/ Handchime ensemble, Guitar ensemble, and String ensemble. This would truly be an educational and fun event not to be missed!

List of Participating Schools:

1. Guangyang Primary School
2. Nanyang Primary School
3. Pei Hwa Presbyterian Primary School
4. Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' School (Secondary)
5. Raffles Girls' School (Secondary)
6. Siglap Secondary School
7. Xinmin Secondary School
8. Yuhua Secondary School

**SINGAPORE YOUTH FESTIVAL (SYF) ENGLISH DRAMA PRESENTATION
SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, SINGAPORE
WEDNESDAY, 25 JULY 2012
7.30 p.m.**

A wacky spin on a familiar tale.
A group of teenagers seeking 'Chuck'.
A deaf girl who became a world famous percussionist.

The students in this year's performances will not only delight the audience with their fervour and candour, they will literally reach out into the audience.

Indeed, these performances will not only open your minds and hearts, they will widen your grins and lighten your steps for the day.

All performances are drawn from the SYF 2012 Central Judging of English Drama.

List of Participating Schools:

1. Catholic Junior College
2. National Junior College
3. Pioneer Junior College

**SYF DANCE PRESENTATION (CLOSING EVENT)
UNIVERSITY CULTURAL CENTRE
FRIDAY, 27 JULY 2012
7.30 p.m.**

Ethnicity meets modernity in this spectacular dance concert that celebrates Youth through multi-genre dance performances. This concert will feature a full spectrum of dances performed by youths from the primary and secondary schools, junior colleges as well as the universities. Expect a breathtaking canvas of spellbinding colours and choreography, both traditional and contemporary, as we bring this year's SYF to a rousing close.

List of Participating Schools / Groups:

1. Admiralty Primary School
2. Anglo-Chinese Junior College
3. Bukit Panjang Primary School
4. Catholic High School (Primary)

5. CHIJ Katong Convent
6. CHIJ Secondary
7. Combined universities dance ensemble (Nanyang Technological University, National University of Singapore, Singapore Management University)
8. Corporation Primary School
9. Fernvale Primary School
10. Greenridge Primary School
11. Hwa Chong Institution (High School Section)
12. Meridian Junior College
13. Pei Chun Public School
14. Poi Ching School
15. Princess Elizabeth Primary School
16. Sekolah Kebangsaan Putrajaya Presint 9 (1), Putrajaya, Malaysia
17. Singapore Chinese Girls' School (Primary)
18. Temasek Junior College

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